

Application Serial No. 10/530,889
Response After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.312

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REMARKS

The Examiner has provided "Reasons for Allowance" that are improper and must be withdrawn.

The Examiner refers to language of claim 20 that does not exist. At page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, last paragraph, the Examiner **inappropriately** states that claim 20 recites to "external surfaces" when attempting to distinguish the claim from the prior art. This language does not exist in claim 20.

The patent statutes require claims to be presented and interpreted in accordance with what the Applicants regard as their invention. Accordingly, the claims must be read as Applicants regard them, that is, **as they are worded, literally**. However, the "Reasons for Allowance" refer to language which is not in any or all the claims, and are accordingly *non-sequitur* to allowability of claims that do not literally include such language. The statements as currently worded might be interpreted in the future as reading limitations into Applicants' claims which simply do not exist. Applicants regard aspects of their invention as defined by the literal words of the claims.

The Examiner is respectfully reminded that MPEP §1302.14 I. (8th ed., rev. no. 5, vol. 1) states, in part, that:

Where specific reasons [Reasons of Allowance] are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that such reasons are accurate, precise, and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible effects.

In accordance with this authority, *Examiners are expected to prepare any statement*

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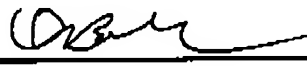
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of their reasons for allowance accurately and precisely so as not to place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, on the claims. The Examiner must interpret the claims in accordance with their literal wording. Accordingly, allowance of the claims as literally worded is demanded pursuant to this above authority. Consequently, the current "Reasons for Allowance" is improper and must be positively stated to be withdrawn to correct the prosecution history record.

If the Examiner disagrees with Applicants' assessment, the Examiner must present a newly-filed Office Action stating his position.

Respectfully submitted,

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